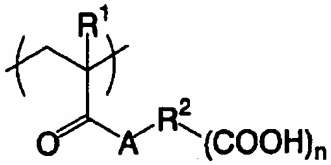
AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 with the following amended paragraph:

A first aspect of the invention is a polymerizable composition which comprises a binder polymer having a repeating unit represented by the following formula (I), an infrared absorbent, a polymerization initiator and a polymerizable compound,

Formula (I)



wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R^2 represents a linking group which includes ~~two~~ one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of a carbon atom, a hydrogen atom, an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom ~~and~~, a sulfur atom and a halogen atom, and has a number of atoms of 2 to 82; A represents an oxygen atom or $-NR^3-$ in which R^3 represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and n represents an integer of 1 to 5.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The linking group represented by R^2 in formula (I) includes ~~two~~ one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of a carbon atom, a hydrogen atom, an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom ~~and~~, a sulfur atom and a halogen atom, and has a number of atoms of 2 to 82, preferably 2 to 50, more preferably 2 to 30. More specifically, the number of atoms ~~constititing~~constituting the skeleton of the linking group represented by R^2 is preferably 1 to 30,

more ~~prefereably~~preferably 3 to 25, still more preferably 4 to 20, and most preferably 5 to 10. The term "a skeleton of the linking group" as used herein refers to atoms or atomic groups to link between A and the terminal COOH group in Formula (I). Particularly, in case where a plurality of linkages are possible, the skeleton of the linking group refers to atoms or atomic groups to constitute a shortest linkage between A and the terminal COOH group. Accordingly, if the linking group includes a cyclic structure therein, numbering the atoms may vary depending on the linking position (e.g., ~~orho~~ortho, meta, para or the like).